

**ERIE COUNTY
PARKS,
RECREATION &
FORESTRY**

NOTICE OF VACANCY

LOCATION: CHESTNUT RIDGE PARK/VARIOUS COUNTY PARKS
SHIFT: VARIABLE
TITLE OF POSITION: PARK RANGER
FULL TIME – AFSCME (PJC STATUS)
POSITION NUMBER: 51012682
JOB GROUP & SALARY SCALE: 7 - \$17.407 - \$21.319

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

COMPLETION OF SIXTY (60) CREDIT HOURS FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED OR NEW YORK STATE REGISTERED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WITH A MAJOR CONCENTRATION IN PARKS AND RECREATION, RECREATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR CLOSELY RELATED FIELD AND ONE (1) YEAR OF EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVATION, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PARKS OR RECREATION, FORESTRY OR RELATED FIELD.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

POSSESSION OF A VALID NEW YORK STATE CLASS D (MINIMUM) DRIVER'S LICENSE AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT.

NOTE: THIS POSITION IS PENDING NEW YORK STATE CLASSIFICATION RULING AS TO WHETHER IT IS COMPETITIVE OR NON-COMPETITIVE.

THIS NOTICE WILL BE POSTED FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 29, 2015, THROUGH AND INCLUDING JUNE 7, 2015.

COPY TO: PERSONNEL DEPT.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLIES TO:

TROY P. SCHINZEL, COMMISSIONER-PARKS
ERIE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT
95 FRANKLIN STREET, ROOM 1254
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14202

PARK RANGER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves the responsibilities of promoting respect for park grounds, and for a safe and pleasant atmosphere in Erie County parks. The Park Ranger educates park visitors on the natural resources of the park, bringing about an environmental awareness to the public, including awareness of park resources. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-ranking employee, who assigns and reviews work for confirmation with policy. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Informing and monitoring of Erie County rules and regulations;
Monitoring effectiveness of rules, regulations and procedures and suggesting changes to improve public relations;
Providing general information to the public on the park system - directions, park maps, shelter reservation, etc.;
Creating and conducting interpretive programs - nature walks, park history tours, computerized/video presentations and other means of educating the public about the Erie County Parks system;
May help design and construct park improvements;
May assist in grass cutting, litter and garbage removal and other light maintenance which would enhance the aesthetic appearance of the Parks;
Application of First Aid procedures, including CPR;
Maintaining a daily log of work activities, including encounters, ideas and future plans.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the workings of the natural environment;
Working knowledge of Erie County Park laws and regulations;
Ability to promote, plan and conduct a wide variety of interpretive park programs;
Ability to work with people of all ages;
Ability to express oneself clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing;
Initiative;
Resourcefulness;
Responsibility;
Capable of performing the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Completion of sixty (60) credit hours from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a major concentration in Parks and Recreation, Recreation Resource Management, Environmental Science or closely related field and one (1) year of experience working in the field of conservation, environmental science, parks or recreation, forestry or related field.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of a valid Class D (minimum) New York State driver's license at the time of appointment.